



H.R. 123 - To authorize appropriations for the San Gabriel Basin Restoration Fund

FLOOR SITUATION

H.R. 123 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative David Dreier (R-CA) on January 4, 2007. The bill was ordered to be reported from the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, by unanimous consent, on November 15, 2007.

H.R. 123 is expected to be considered on the floor on December 11, 2007.

SUMMARY

H.R. 123 authorizes \$146,200,000 to the San Gabriel Basin Restoration Fund until it is expended. After \$85,000,000 has been appropriated to the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority and the Central Basin Municipal Water District, the Fund and the District are responsible for matching 35 percent of the federal funds provided for in this legislation.

After the funds have been matched, the additional federal money will be deposited into the Fund account.

BACKGROUND

The San Gabriel Basin Restoration Fund was established by H.R. 5666, the "Miscellaneous Appropriations Act of 2001," which was signed into law on December 21, 2000. The Fund is administered cooperatively by the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. Federal and non-federal monies contributed to the Fund are used to design, construct, operate and maintain water projects to contain and treat the groundwater contamination in the San Gabriel and Central Groundwater Basins. The San Gabriel Groundwater Basin covers more than 160 square miles in Los Angeles County, CA and is the primary source of drinking water for over 1.2 million people.

The fund is an interest-bearing account that reimburses the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority (WQA) and the Central Basin Municipal Water District (District) for designing and constructing facilities that help with groundwater cleanup efforts in the Basin.

CBO ESTIMATE

H.R. 123 has not been scored by the CBO.

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